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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-5**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the expenditure of the Fourth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds for the continuation of the County's participation in the Municipal Area Express commuter transportation service for the residents of the unincorporated areas in the South Bay from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008, for a total program cost of \$51,000.
2. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to negotiate an agreement and any necessary amendments between the County and the cities in the South Bay area that will participate in the Municipal Area Express.
3. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign the completed agreement and any necessary amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to approve the continuation of the County's participation in the Municipal Area Express service from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008. On December 12, 1989, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved the allocation

of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to provide the residents of the South Bay area with a direct commuter transportation service to the El Segundo Employment Center. This service began on April 18, 1990, and was developed in cooperation with the South Bay cities to reduce the peak-hour traffic congestion in the South Bay area. This action continues the County's participation in providing this transportation service through Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides service to the public in a responsive manner. Providing this service improves the mobility of the patrons in the South Bay area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The anticipated annual cost of the County's share of the service for Fiscal Year 2005-06 through Fiscal Year 2007-08 is estimated to be \$17,000. The total estimated cost to be approved by this Board action through Fiscal Year 2007-08 is \$51,000.

Funds are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2005-06 Transit Enterprise Fund budget and will be included in the Fiscal Years 2006-07 and 2007-08 Transit Enterprise Fund future budgets. Allocations of the Fourth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit funds in the Transit Enterprise Fund are administered by Public Works. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved this project as eligible for Proposition A Local Return funding. The agreement/amendments will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature.

The City of Torrance, the lead agency for the program, will continue to implement and administer the service. The Municipal Area Express contracts for service through a competitive process that dictates the annual cost of the service. The County's share of the cost of the service is based on the mileage in the unincorporated area as a percentage of the total mileage.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On January 19, 1999, Synopsis 38, your Board found this service categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Class I of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works and forward one copy to County Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel